

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 4-8, 10 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1 and 9 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An electrical box locator for locating at least one electrical [boxes] box on a stud, comprising:
 - a base plate for engaging the stud;
 - at least one stationary flange provided on said base plate for engaging a first end of [an] the electrical box; [and]
 - at least one adjusting plate slidably engaging said base plate;
 - at least one [adjustable] plate flange [adjustably] carried by said [base plate] adjusting plate for engaging a second end of the electrical box [.] in a first position of said plate flange and disengaging the second end of the electrical box in a second position of said plate flange;
 - at least one adjusting handle carried by said at least one adjusting plate, respectively, and a tensioning mechanism engaging said at least one adjusting plate for biasing said at least one plate against the electrical box.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) The electrical box locator of claim 1 comprising a pair of stud flanges provided on said base plate for engaging the stud.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) The electrical box locator of claim [5] 1 wherein said tensioning mechanism comprises a tensioning spring.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The electrical box locator of claim 9 comprising a pair of stud flanges provided on said base plate for engaging the stud.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) An electrical box locator for locating electrical boxes on a stud, comprising:

a base plate for engaging the stud;

a first stationary flange provided on said base plate for engaging a first end of a first electrical box;

a second stationary flange provided on said base plate for engaging a first end of a second electrical box;

a first adjustable flange adjustably carried by said base plate for engaging a second end of the first electrical box in a first position of said first adjustable flange and disengaging the second end of the first electrical box in a second position of said first adjustable flange; and

a second adjustable flange adjustably carried by said base plate for engaging a second end of the second electrical box in a first position of said second adjustable flange and disengaging the second end of the second electrical box in a second position of said second adjustable flange.

14. (Original) The electrical box locator of claim 13 comprising a first adjusting plate adjustably engaging said base plate and a first adjusting handle carried by said first adjusting plate, and wherein said first adjustable flange is carried by said first adjusting plate; and a second

adjusting plate adjustably engaging said base plate and a second adjusting handle carried by said second adjusting plate, and wherein said second adjustable flange is carried by said second adjusting plate.

15. (Original) The electrical box locator of claim 13 comprising a pair of stud flanges provided on said base plate for engaging the stud and at least one spacer plate provided on one of said stud flanges for adjusting the position of the electrical box on the stud.

16. (Original) The electrical box locator of claim 15 comprising a first adjusting plate adjustably engaging said base plate and a first adjusting handle carried by said first adjusting plate, and wherein said first adjustable flange is carried by said first adjusting plate; and a second adjusting plate adjustably engaging said base plate and a second adjusting handle carried by said second adjusting plate, and wherein said second adjustable flange is carried by said second adjusting plate.

17. (Original) The electrical box locator of claim 14 comprising a tensioning spring spanning said first adjusting plate and said second adjusting plate for biasing said first adjustable flange in said second position of said first adjustable flange and said second adjustable flange in said second position of said second adjustable flange.

18. (Original) The electrical box locator of claim 17 comprising a pair of stud flanges provided on said base plate for engaging the stud.

19. (Original) An electrical box locator for locating electrical boxes on a stud, comprising:

a base plate for engaging the stud;

a first stationary flange provided on said base plate for engaging a first end of a first electrical box;

a second stationary flange provided on said base plate for engaging a first end of a second electrical box;

first and second adjusting plates slidably carried by said base plate;

a first adjustable flange carried by said first adjusting plate for engaging a second end of the first electrical box in a first position of said first adjustable flange and disengaging the second end of the first electrical box in a second position of said first adjustable flange; and

a second adjustable flange carried by said second adjusting plate for engaging a second end of the second electrical box in a first position of said second adjustable flange and disengaging the second end of the second electrical box in a second position of said second adjustable flange.

20. (Original) The electrical box locator of claim 19 comprising a tensioning spring spanning said first adjusting plate and said second adjusting plate for biasing said first adjustable flange in said second position of said first adjustable flange and said second adjustable flange in said second position of said second adjustable flange.